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FROM HEINE.

On Life's pathway overshaded,
Once an Angel fair I found,
Now that radiant light has faded,
Blackest Night is all around.

Children, whom in darkness straying,
Airy spectres round them turning,
Fill the dread their hearts consuming,
Singing loud in merry song.

I, a rabbi before advancing
Card through the darkness drear,
Though the objects be not entrancing
Yet it drives away the fear.

Temple Bar.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Under the Midnight Lamp.

FOUNDED ON FACT.

I am a doctor, a busy professional man, whose time is money, wherever therefore, I can save it, I do. Many and many a night have I passed in the train, counting the hours thus gained as a miner does his gold. Upon this point, unfortunately, my little wife and I do not agree; and it is, I think, the only point upon which we do not. Eight hours in a comfortless railway compartment, rolled up in your plaid like a snake in its blanket, instead of in your comfortable spring mattress—no, she cannot be made to see the propriety of the exchange, nor will she believe that I sleep quite as well, if not disturbed, in the plaid as in the sheets.

The train was just off as I sprang in, and the shock of the start landed me in my seat. Being of a slow, placid nature, I was in no hurry to recover from the shock; and we were fairly off, speeding away as only an English express can speed, before I looked round. I had not the carriage to myself, as I had at first supposed; a lady occupied the further end, and at the first glance, spite of the dim light and the fact of her veil being down, I saw that her eyes, unnaturally large and intense in their expression, were fixed upon me. I at all times prefer a carriage to myself, and if a companion I must have, let it be a gentleman, not a lady, but there was no help for it, the lady was there, and moreover, she was looking at me. "So she may," I said to myself; "that shall not prevent my making myself as comfortable as circumstances will allow. Slowly and deliberately, therefore, I removed my hat, substituting for it a cloth cap, which I drew well down over my ears, then I folded my arms and composed myself to sleep. But in vain, the eyes of my fellow passenger haunted me. I saw them as distinctly as if my own were open. Was she watching me still? Involuntarily I looked up and round, and my look met hers, full, burning, intense, with far more meaning in it than I could at all fathom. It was getting decidedly unpleasant, and I was growing decidedly uncomfortable, try as I might, I could not keep my eyes closed, hers were on me, and meet them I must.

In her attitude, too, as well as in her look, there was something strange and mysterious. Huddled up in the corner, she seemed to be holding something closely pressed to her, beneath the long, loose mourning cape, bending low over it in a crouching posture. Once or twice, her eyes still fixed upon mine, I saw her shift her but for that slight convulsive movement she sat perfectly still and motionless.

Was she cold? I offered her my plaid, glad of an opportunity to break the ominous silence. If she would but speak, make some commonplace remark, the spell might be broken.

"I am not cold."

A commonplace remark enough; but the spell was not broken. The mystery that lay in her eyes lay also in her voice.

What should I try next? I looked at my watch—11.30; our train speeding on at a furious rate, no chance of a stoppage for some time to come, and the full wide-open gaze of my motionless companion not for one moment removed from my face. It was unpleasant certainly. If I changed my position, fixed the window instead of her, she must remove her eyes from my face at last. But there was a sort of fascination about her and her look, which I preferred meeting to shirking, knowing it was on me all the time.

There was nothing for it, then, but to give up all hope of sleep, and make the best of my position and companion, whom I now observed more closely. That she was a lady, there could be little doubt; there was that in her dress and appearance that was unmistakable. That she was pretty, there could be little doubt either; those great dark, intensely dark eyes, the thick coils of worm burnished hair, the small pale features, seen dimly beneath the veil; yes, she was young, pretty, a lady, and in trouble. So far I got, but no further. How came she to be traveling alone at that time of night, and with that look on her face? What could it be that she was holding pressed so closely to her, and yet so carefully kept out of sight? From the size and uncertain outline, I should have guessed it to be a child; but, then, there was not the faintest motion, nor could she have held even a sleeping infant long in that position. I think that something of curiosity must have been betrayed in my look, for her own darkened and deepened into a perfect agony of doubt and fear.

Ashamed, I withdrew my gaze at once, and drawing out my note-book, was about to make a memorandum, when, with a sudden forward movement, she fell at my feet, arresting my hand by the agonized grasp of her own, its burning contact sending through me a painful thrill.

"Don't betray! Don't give me up to him! O don't! I am so frightened!"

It was but a whisper, breathed out rather than spoken, yet it shuddered through me like a cry.

"I cannot always hide it." I continued always bear it about with me, it breaks my heart, and—I am so tired."

And letting the hand which still held, pressed closely to her, the mysterious burden that had so raised my curiosity drop heavily to her side, there lay at her feet and thing a little dead baby, a tiny creature evidently not many weeks old.

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Then the woman threw up her veil, and, withdrawing her eyes for the first time from mine, clasped her hands before her, her figure thrown slightly back, and looked down upon it. A pretty picture the poor young mother, with her pale child and face and deep mourning dress; the wee baby, gleaming so white in its death and baby robe against the heavy crape skirt on which it lay—a pretty picture certainly for a railway carriage, and lighted by its dim midnight lamp.

"Dead? I say in involuntary exclamation.

She stretched her clasped hands down ward toward it with a despairing gesture, speaking with low, wild, rapid utterance.

"It was not his look that killed it, but my love. He hated it, my baby, my first born, for all the love, I gave him, he hated it, and that his look might not kill it, I held it in my arms, so close, so close, till it was dead. Oh, my baby, my baby!"

The outstretched hands had reached it now, and raised it from the floor to the seat, folding it around until the enclosing arms and the down bent face hid it once more out of sight.

Was ever luckless traveler more awkwardly placed?—the dead child, the prostrate woman, the scene, a public railway carriage, the hour, midnight. I am of a blunt nature. Mrs Merton often scolds me for my blunt, straightforward speech es but then she has such a pretty way of beating about the bush, which it would be absurd for me to imitate as it was for the ass to mimic the trick of his master's lapdog. I must go straight to the point as soon as ever I see it. I did so now.

"How come you to be traveling alone, and with a dead child? Are you going home?"

The question seemed to rouse her once more to a perfect frenzy of fear. She turned to me as before, clinging to my hand with small hot fingers, and the old heart broken cry

"Don't betray me; don't give me up to him! His look would have killed my baby, it would kill me if I had to meet it. She is safe, for I killed her, and she is dead, and he hates me, and I have no home—no home!"

I was in a perfect maze of doubt. Could the pretty, soft young creature at my feet be indeed a murderess? and could it be her husband of whom she seemed in such abject terror? My blood boiled. I felt ready to defend her against a dozen husbands but how?

It was midnight now we could not be far from London; the guard might be popping his head in at any moment. I jumped to a sudden conclusion.

"Were you going to any friend in London?"

"I know nobody in London."

"The poor little thing is either mad or her husband is a brute," was my mental conclusion.

"Then you must come home with me to my wife, she will see after you."

An upward glance of wild agonized supplication

"She won't betray me, or—take baby away from me?" And once more the wee dead thing was lifted up into the arms that seemed almost too frail to hold it, and hidden away beneath the long mourning cape.

I took her home. Mary received her with a broad look of amazement that made me smile, but that found no expression in words. When, taking her aside, I told her all I knew, she wrung her hands in sheer sympathizing pity.

Murdered her own baby—her first-born! Oh, how sad, how dreadful!" And involuntarily she glanced toward the door that led from us our own little ones, safely cradled and asleep. Then she went back to our strange guest, who sat huddled up in my own big easy-chair the dead baby still at her bosom.

"I must get her to bed," said Mary, with a quite determined nod; and she really did contrive to do so by soft, tender coaxing words, and silence appearances of safety for herself and baby, whom she kissed and cried over, and considered as the high water mark of solicitude, much to the little mother's comfort.

"And you won't betray me; and he won't come and take her from me, or hurt us with his angry look? Oh, dear, how nice it is to be down! I am so tired and baby is so cold; but I think I can sleep now a little and—forget."

She was half asleep already; the heavy lids had dropped together, the small pale face had drooped downward upon the little downy head that lay against her bosom.

"Her husband must be sent for," I said resolutely, when we stood around her once more alone; and I glanced at an envelope I had taken from the stranger's pocket:

MRS. TREMAYNE,
Grantley Lodge,
Grantley.

Mary stared at me aghast.

"Her husband, who hates her, and would have killed her baby! My dear, you would not be so cruel! She seems so fond of him, poor little thing! You may be sure he is some horrid wicked tyrant. And if she really killed her baby—Oh, dear, how sad it is! Whatever will become of her!"

"But, my dear, if she has a husband or friends we must restore her to them. Why, she is little more than a child! It's very strange, very, and sad; but the mystery must be cleared, and the baby buried."

Mary still pronounced me cruel and unfeeling beyond anything she could have conceived.

"Of course her husband is a madman, who will murder her as soon as he gets her into his hands. You know, John, that husbands are always murdering their wives."

"Middle aged wives, dear, or elderly, whose lives are heavily insured. I shall telegraph at once."

"Then her death will be at your door, sir—mind that!" and too indignant to waste upon me more words, away went Mary to take a last peep at our own sleeping babes, at the dead baby absent which there was no such mystery, and the poor young mother whom she had doomed to a violent death.

She was still bending over her, and had called me up to the bedside to notice the extraordinary length of the lashes, and the beauty of the face in repose, when we were startled by a knock at the front door.

"It's the husband. I know it is. Oh, John, don't betray her; don't give her up. You wouldn't be so cruel."

"Nonsense, child; watch by her till I return. If she awakes say nothing about"

"Her husband. As if I should!"

Our household having long since retired, long indeed before my return, I myself opened the door.

The street lamp lighted dimly two figures, one tall, stout and muffled.

"Mr. Merton?"

I answered in the affirmative.

"You have kindly given shelter to a lady?"

"Just so."

The speaker nodded to his companion who touched his hat and vanished.

The other stranger had now entered the hall, and grasped my hand.

"Mr. Tremayne?" I asked, hesitatingly.

"Captain Tremayne. How is she?"

"Asleep under my wife's care; sleeping as peacefully as a child."

"Thank God! So young—at such an hour—in such a state—"

I saw a long shudder run through the tall powerful frame.

"And the child?" he added, after a pause, in a hoarse stricken whisper. "She had it with her?"

I hardly knew what to answer; but he had thrown off his heavy ulster and traveling cap, and now stood before me as handsome and pleasant and honest-looking a young fellow as ever I saw, and my heart warmed to him. He was no assassin, or ruffian, or cowardly bully, whatever Mary might say. The shadow of a great horror that lay in the blue mellow eyes had been cast there by terror, not crime.

"The child is dead," I said softly.

"It died two days ago, died suddenly in convulsions in her arms, and the shock turned her brain. She was doing so well, poor little thing; but afterward she grew delirious, and in her ravings she accused herself and me. I could do nothing; she would not have me near her, but beat me off with her hands, as she couldn't bear the sight of me. And I was so fond of her and she of me!" Here the man broke down. He walked to the window, then turned and asked abruptly: "May I go to her?"

I thought of Mary and hesitated.

"She is sleeping so peacefully just now; and if she awoke suddenly and saw you—"

"She shall not see me," he broke in eagerly. "I will be so quiet; but I must see her. I nursed her through a long illness a year ago, and she would have no one near her but me; and now—"

Under the heavy military mustache I saw his lip quiver; he paused, then added, "I must go to her!" not in command, but yearning appeal, both in voice and eyes.

"Will you wait here a minute? I will see whether she still sleeps."

She still slept, the heavy peaceful sleep of a tired child, Mary keeping a stern watch and guard over her. I beckoned her out of the room.

"Well?" with fretful impatient eagerness. "You have seen him? What is he like? Is he horrid?"

"Judge for yourself; he is in the dining-room. He says he must see her—he must come in."

"That he shan't, the cruel wretch; or it shall be over my prostrate body!" tragically.

"Well, go and tell him so."

"I will!" And away nothing daunted, went Mary.

I smiled. "She will no more resist the pleading of those blue handsome eyes than did her husband. He will win her over with a look." I was right; she soon returned, and met alone.

"He will be very quiet, and she need not see him. I thought it would be better," all this apologetically.

He crossed the room as noiselessly as a woman, stooped over the bed in silence, then sat down beside it. Mary shaded the lamp so that the room was in twilight, and so we all three sat down to wait.

For more than an hour we waited, then Mary stole out. Captain Tremayne looked up as the door opened and closed; then, with a quick sigh, laid the brown curly head down upon the pillow as close as possible to that of the poor young wife without touching it, and his hand moved up towards hers where it lay on the coverlet, but without touching that either for fear of awaking or disturbing her.

It was not until the first grey streaks of daylight were struggling in through the window, beside which I sat, that there was a slight stir; she was awaking at last.

"Hugh!" she breathed—dreamily at first, then urgently—"Hugh!"

"Yes, dear."

She turned her face toward his where it lay beside her. She was only partially awake as yet, her eyes were still closed; but the hand on the coverlet crept up softly toward him, fluttered over his face, rested one moment caressingly on the brown curls, then with a long contented sigh, her arm stole round his neck.

"Husband, kiss me!"

"His presence has saved her," was my mental comment; "there is nothing now to fear;" and unnoticed, left the room.

Chilled and cramped with the sitting after the night's journey, I was not sorry to find the sitting-room bright with lamp and firelight, the kettle singing on the hob, breakfast as comfortably laid out for two as if the hour had been nine instead of six, and Mrs. Merton as neat and fresh and trim as if that midnight tragedy had been all a dream. Let cavilists sneer as they may, there is nothing for a man like a wife, if she be a good one. I myself may have had my doubts on the subject—wives are but women after all, and must therefore be trying at times, even the best of them. But I certainly had no doubts whatever as I stretched out my feet to the blaze, and resigned myself cheerfully to being petted and waited on.

"Well?" questioned Mrs. Merton, when my creature comforts had all been duly attended to, and not before. I told her how matters stood; she was delighted.

"And so they are fond of each other, after all; and his being unkind to her and her poor little baby was only a delusion. How dreadful! How delightful, I mean! Poor fellow—so young and handsome and nice! I felt so sorry for him."

"He must have traveled down in the same train as she did."

"Oh no; he told me all about it. He had been summoned up to town on business, and left home yesterday morning. In the evening the nurse left her, as she thought, asleep to fetch something from the kitchen."

"Have a gossip there, you mean."

"John," solemnly, "you don't like nurses, you know you don't?"

"My dear, I am a married man, and moreover an M. D. A well-balanced mind must hate somebody or some class of bodies; and, as a rule medical men hate nurses."

"Nonsense, John! Well, Mrs. Tremayne got away while the nurse was down stairs, and, being traced to the station, where she had taken a ticket to London, Captain Tremayne was telegraphed to, and was stopped as he got into the train on his way home. Someone must have seen you leave the station."

As he came to look for her here, somebody must have brought him; two came to the door."

"It will be all right now that he has found her, and is fond of her; she will get quite well, and he will only have to comfort her for the loss of her poor little baby."

I wipe my pen, blot the MSS., and rise. My story is done, and, as it is the first, so will it probably be the last of which I shall be guilty.

Mrs. Merton looks up from the glove she is mending. "The story done! Why, all you have written is only the beginning of the end! You could not surely have the heart to break off in that unsatisfactory manner. Not a word about Captain Tremayne's gratitude, or the hamper they sent us at Christmas, or the birth of their little son last year, and the pretty way in which she coaxed you to be god-father, though her uncle, the duke, was only waiting to be asked; or how she insisted upon our bringing baby and Johnny and Freddy, and how baby—"

But I seized my hat and gloves. Mary is, as I have said, the best of wives, if just a little trying at times, and her baby the most wonderful of all created babies—but I have an appointment at twelve!

Tinsley's Magazine.

How to Sell a Coat.

"Herman," said a Poydras street merchant clothier, addressing his clerk, "haf ve sold all of dose overgoats vat vas left over from last vinter?"

"No, sir; dere vas three of dem left."

"Vell ve must sell 'em right avay, as de vinter vill not last you know. Herman, pring me one uf de goats und I will show you someding about de pisness. I vill dell you how ve vill sell dem oud und you must learn de pisness, Herman; de vinter vas gone, you know, und ve hav had dose goats in de store more as seex years."

An eight dollar overcoat was handed him by his clerk, and smoothing it out, he took a buckskin money purse from the show case, and stuffing it full of paper, dropped it into one of the pockets.

"Now, Herman, my boy," he continued, "vatch me sell dat goat. I haf sold over dirty-five uf dem shust de same vay, und I vast to deach you de pisness. Ven de next gustomer come in de shop I vill show you de vay Rabe Hoffenstein, mine broder in Detroit, sells his glothing und udder dings."

A few minutes later a negro, in quest of a suitable pair of cheap shoes, entered the store.

The proprietor advanced, smiling, and inquired:

"Vat is it you vish?"

"Yer got any cheap shoes yhar?" asked the negro.

"Plenty uf dem my feret, plenty; at any price you vant."

The negro stated that he wanted a pair of boroguns, and soon his pedal extremities were encased in them and a bargain struck. As he was about to leave the proprietor called him back.

"I ain't gwine ter buy nuffin else—I've got all I want," said the negro sullenly.

"Dot may be so, my dear sir," replied the proprietor, "but I shust vants you to look at dis goat. It was de pure Russian vool, und dis dime last year you dont got dot same goat for twenty-five dollars. Mine gracious stoth'ing vas gone down to nodding und dere vas no money in de pisness any longer.—You vant someding dot will keep you from de redder, und make you feel vorm as summer dime. De gonsumption vos going around, und de doctors dell me it vas de vedder. More den nine heoples died around ver I lif last week. Dink uf dot. Mine frent, dot goat vas Russian vool, dick und heavy. Vy, Mister Jones, who owns de pank on Canal street, took dot goat home mit him yesterday, and vore it all day; but it vas a leedle dight agross de shoulders und he brought it pack shust a vile ago. Dry it on, my dear sir. Ah! dot vas all right. Mister Jones vas a rich man und he liked dot goat. How deep de pockets vas, put it vas a leedle dight across de shoulders."

The negro buttoned up the coat, thrust his hands in the pockets and felt the purse. A peaceful smile played over his face when his touch disclosed to his mind the contents of the pockets, but he choked down his joy and inquired:

"Who did you say wore dis hyar coat?"

"Vy, Mister Jones vot owns de bank on Canal street."

"What yer gwine to ax for it?"

"Drundy dollars."

"Dat's pow'ful high price fer dis coat, but I'll take it."

"Harman, here, wrap up dis goat fur de schentleman und keep in a warmed; it will make him look nice mit de ladies."

"Nebber mind, I'll keep de coat on," replied the negro, and pulling out a roll of money he paid for it and left the store.

While he was around the next morning over the stuffed purse, the proprietor said to his clerk:

"Herman, fix up anudder yon of dose goats de same way, und doan forget to dell dot Mister Jones vot runs de bank on Canal street vore it yesterday."

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THE POT BOILING.

Balloting for United States Senators to fill the vacancy caused by the resignations of Messrs. Conkling and Platt commenced at Albany at noon Tuesday. The contest is hot and both factions seem confident of success. Yesterday (Wednesday) the Senate and Assembly met in joint convention to ballot for United States Senators. The first vote in joint convention stood as follows:

For the short term.—Conkling, 34; Wheeler, 22; Rogers, 15; Fenton, 3; Pomeroy, 2; Edick, 1; Wadsworth, 1; Jacobs, 52; Cornell, 11; Crowley, 3; White, 2; Bradley, 1; Folger, 2; the balance scattering.

To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Platt the vote resulted as follows:

Platt, 29; Depew, 25; Kerman, 53; Folger, 4; Cornell, 12; Davis, 2; Lapham, 8; Miller, 8; Crowley, 4; Evarts, 3; Dutcher, 2; Morton, 1; Wadsworth, 2; Tremaine, 1; Ward, 3; Rogers, 1. No choice in either case.

THE grave of General Thomas A. Scott was decorated on Monday.

THE coinage during May was 6,234,000 pieces, their value being $12,228,000.

IT was rumored yesterday afternoon that the World's Fair will be held in New York after all, and the announcement made that the necessary funds will undoubtedly be forthcoming.

LORILLARD won $2,000,000 in the race at Epsom Downs yesterday. His horse Iroquois being the winner. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught were present.

A TERRIFIC hail storm Tuesday extended from New Hackensack to Fishkill plains. Grain everywhere was destroyed, corn and young fruit killed, and strawberries ruined. The storm lasted three-quarters of an hour. Some of the hail stones were two inches in diameter. In places this morning the hail stones are a foot deep.

IT is stated that Attorney-General Mac Veagh and Postmaster General James have agreed to confer every day this week on the details of the Star Route inquiry, preliminary to submitting additional evidence to the Washington grand jury. One reason for the slow progress in the presentation of persons for indictment is the difficulty of obtaining evidence to prove the conspiracy.

A FATAL accident on the Pennsylvania Road, between New York and Philadelphia, occurring through the carelessness of a switch tender, will create all the more comment from the fact that the road has an excellant reputation for careful management. Monday an open switch near Trenton caused an express train to plunge from the track while running at full speed. One passenger was killed and many seriously injured.

IT is stated that there is a sharp war between Vanderbilt and the Lake Shore and New York Central on one side, and Gould with the Wabash on the other. The aggressor was Gould, who withdrew his eastern freight from Vanderbilt's lines and sent it over other roads to Chicago. Vanderbilt retaliated by sending freight for Southwestern points via Bloomington. The Chicago & Alton is the chief gainer by the fight.

CROP reports from Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri and Michigan are in the main favorable. The hard winter and late spring will put the harvest back two, three, and in some localities four weeks later than in recent years. There are the usual reports of injury by the chinch bug and Hessian fly, but predictions of average crops are confidently made. An increase of acreage is reported from most of the grain States.

THE young man who pleads poverty and a meagre salary as an excuse for refraining from marriage will do well to remember the pluck of Thomas A. Scott, the great railroad magnate, and Charles A. Dana, the great journalist. The former embarked on the matrimonial sea with a salary of fifty dollars per month, and the latter with five dollars per week. Marriage, however, was not the only thing that made these men succeed.

THE extraordinary activity in railroad enterprise has reached the sleepy State of South Carolina, and is going to give Charleston direct communication with the Northwest. The South Carolina Railroad is one of the oldest lines in the country, but it runs up against the Blue Ridge and stops, and at its seaboard end has no terminus at a water front. A company of Northern capitalists have taken hold of it. They will build it a wharf in Charleston, and carry it over the mountains into Tennessee so as to secure northern connections.

THE Virginia Bourbons are jubilant over the result of the municipal elections there, and say that it presages the defeat of the Readjusters and Republicans in the State canvass. The latest one of these elections was at Alexandria, where the issue was free whisky on Sunday, which overrode the issues of a free ballot and the integrity of the Commonwealth credit so far as the Bourbons were concerned. The rejoicing in this instance was not so much over the defeat of a political foe as over the triumph of fully seven days in the week.

DURING last week over twenty thousand immigrants arrived in New York, the greatest number ever recorded for a single week, and it is thought that the record for the month will possibly exceed the total for the year 1878, which only reached 80,000. Some idea of the importance of this living stream may be formed when it is remembered that last week's arrivals alone would populate a larger place, in point of numbers, than Binghamton. Just think of dotting the great West each week with a more populous city than Binghamton, and from immigration alone.—*Binghamton Republican.*

COLE'S CAUCUS.

FOUNDING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Our correspondent at Friendship, N. Y., writes as follows: A. N. Cole is the father of the Republican party, and Friendship may be likened unto its cradle. We will not attempt to tell who the mother of such a large, bright and promising family may be. The first Republican caucus ever held was called by A. N. Cole to convene at the town hall in this place. On the assembling of the caucus Father Cole put in an appearance. He was fairly scoffed at by many of our old citizens who have now gone to their rest. The prospects for his new party were very slim, and when Mr. C. went to the hall he found the janitor there, one other person and himself. A paper published at Oramel, this county, at the time, got hold of the affair, and gave our Republican parental ancestor no little notoriety. It stated that the caucus for the new party was called and held and attended by the only follower of its doctrines in the county. It said that on motion of Mr. Cole, A. N. Cole was made chairman. Then the chairman appointed A. N. Cole secretary and Mr. Cole assistant. The chairman ordered the secretary to draw up a platform, ticket, &c., which was unanimously adopted by all present. And the article read on for columns in like manner. Mr. Cole, however, was persevering and at once started a paper of his own, wherein was printed the first call for a Republican caucus and the first Republican ticket ever made in the States.—*Era.*

Our Legislature.

Passed a resolution to adjourn June 9th. They have passed a mandamus bill which the Governor has signed, making it mandatory on the Court of Dauphin county to issue the writ when applied for. The best lawyers in the Senate objected to it but no matter. It is got up to compel the State Treasurer to pay the members $1,500 for the session, which the Attorney General declares unconstitutional. The main business of the members since his opinion was published has been to get the $10 a day. Now that their object has been accomplished by incorporating the pay in the appropriation bill and compelling the Treasurer to fork over, they are ready to go home. By a little industry they could have done all their work a month ago, but then the quarrel over the salary would have been lost and that's worth something to "reformers" like Wolfe and his followers. If the question goes to the courts and they should be beaten, why they will pass some other bill to meet the emergency. There is nothing beyond the capacity of the average Pennsylvania legislator when the question of salary is up.

SECRETARY BLAINE and Mr. Thornton, the British Minister, concluded their prolonged negotiations relative to the outrages upon American fishermen at Fortune Bay, N. F., in January, 1878, and at a later date at Anjou Bay, Cape Breton. The American claims for losses by the fishermen aggregated $103,000. The agreement between Secretary Blaine and Minister Thornton is, that the British government shall pay £15,000 sterling, and this government will give a receipt in full. The money will probably be paid sometime this week and promptly distributed among the rightful owners, who mostly reside at Gloucester, Mass.

THE Senate at Harrisburg yesterday passed a resolution directing the President *pro tem.* to draw an order on the State Treasurer for fifteen hundred dollars for each Senator as salary for the session. Will the State Treasurer honor the warrants is the question which is agitating the minds of the virtuous legislators. With a decision of the Attorney General against the legality of the claim and with the article of the constitution which expressly forbids the Legislature to increase the salary of members during the term for which they were elected, it is quite probable the mandamus law will have to be worked pretty effectually before the grasping legislators get the money.—*Era.*

ONE of the advantages of the three-and-a-half per cent. Government bonds is that they are payable at the pleasure of the Government. All the surplus of the Treasury can be used in paying these bonds, thus annually reducing the demand for means to pay interest. The effect of this redemption will be to make money plenty and cheap. What with our large profits on the farm product of the country from abroad, and the annually increasing advantage of foreign exchange in manufacturing, added to the amount of money that will be put on the market by the redemption of the three and one-half per cents, money will be very abundant during the decade on which we have now entered.

ONE of the prettiest of the lady riders at the Paris Hippodrome has met with a tragic end, Fanny Gylka, not only a real countess, but the wife of a very wealthy gentleman at Bucharest. The lady was only twenty-four and was at the very zenith of her beauty. She left her husband and wandered from circus to circus, refusing every offer to return home. She was riding her favorite charger and the horse backed or shied at a handkerchief and unseated his rider, whose foot got fast in the stirrup. She was dragged for some distance and when taken up had to be conveyed to the hospital with a compound fracture of the ankle. She was told that she must lose her leg. But she refused to undergo the operation, preferring death, which supervened through mortification of the injured limb within a few days.

JEFFERSON DAVIS has written a letter reluctantly declining an invitation to be present at the unveiling of a monument to the unknown Confederate dead in Frederick county, Md., on the 21 of June. He seizes the occasion to say: "I am truly grateful to your association for this enduring mark with which you honor the brave men who sleep their last sleep in the soil of Maryland. They died, not for our cause, but for the cause of mankind, their lives being a sacrifice to constitutional liberty, the right of a people to govern themselves." Jefferson is certainly growing humorous in his old age. The people of the South had everything pretty much their own way up to the time of the election of Abraham Lincoln, and then, because the North beat them with the ballot they appealed to the bullet. That sort of "constitutional liberty" is good.

Communicated.

PORT ALLEGANY, June 1.

Editor of the Miner:

Upon the 20th of May, a man, giving his name as Shean, was seen lying upon the ground in front of the Bartwell House in Port Allegany with a broken leg.

As the report was announced about the quiet village of Port Allegany it created considerable excitement, as it was said the accident was owing to a wrestling engagement between Shean and one Kellogg. Some drawn by curiosity, others by that kinder impulse, sympathy to administer relief if possible, departed from their respected places of business to see the victim of King Alcohol's work. Arriving there a most pitiful spectacle met their astonished sight. There was a man prostrate upon the bare earth in the intense heat of a scorching sun, groaning and flinching with the darting pain of a broken limb, whose cries for help were painful to hear. Anxious hands began to improvise an ambulance to convey the sufferer into the hotel, when, to their astonishment and indignation, upon being told by the "good Samaritan" referred to in the *Reporter* a week ago that he would not receive the poor, unfortunate man, notwithstanding the accident had resulted, in a measure, from his own wrong. Yet, being a fearful proprietor, when addressed in a few true and pointed remarks upon the "laws of humanity" by an attorney who chanced to be present, he concluded to throw open his doors. The "good Samaritan" declaring at intervals that "he sold him no whiskey, he sold him no whiskey," which declaration the *Reporter* said was "conclusive." Be it said to the credit of the Port Allegany House that it acknowledges having sold him two drinks of liquor upon the 20th of May last, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon about 1:30; that he came there again about 3 p. m. and was refused liquor account of apparent insobriety. Lillibridge says he saw Shean no more after that, but that he went away and the first he heard of was when he received intelligence of the casualty that befell him.

JUSTICE.

The Lime-Klin Club on the Revised Edition.

"I take pleasure an' satisfaction," said the President as he held up a parcel, "in informin' you a worthy citizen of Detroit who does not car' to have his name mentshun'd, has presented dis revised of de Bible to de Lime-Klin Club. We do not open our meetins wid prayer, nor do we close by singin' de Doxology, but nebberdeless I am suah dis gift will be highly appreshated by all. Dar has been considdible talk in dis club about dis revised edishun. Some of you hab got de ideah dat purgator has all been wiped out an' heaben enlarged to two ober, an' I've heard odders assert dat it didn't forbid lyin', stealin' an' passin' off bad money. My friends, you am sadly mistaken. Hell is jest as hot as ever, an' heaben hasn't got any mo' room. In lookin' ober some ob de changes las' night I selected out a few paragraphs which have a general bearin. For instance, it am just as wicked to steal watermellyous as it was las' y'ar or de y'ar befor' an' de skeerver de crap de bigger de wickedness.

"No change has bin made in regard to ossin' aroun' de streets. De loafer am considered just as mean an low as ever he was, an' I want to add to my belief dat he will grow meaner in public estimashun all de time.

"De ten commandments am all down heah widout change. Stealin' an' livin' coyetin' an' runnin' out nights am considered just as bad as ever.

"I can't find any paragraph in which men am excused for payin' deir honest debts and supportin' deir families.

"I can't fin' whar' a poo' man, or a poo' man's wife's white or black, am' spected to sling on any particklar style.

"Dog fights, chicken-liftin', polytricks, playin' keerds for money, an' hangin' aroun' for drinks an' all sich low lagness am considered meaner than ever. Fact is, I can't fin' any change whatever which lets up on a man from bein' plumb up an' down, squar' an' honest wid de world. Dey have changed de word "Hell" to "Hades," but at de same time added to de strength ob de brimstun an' de size ob de pit, an' we want to keep right on in de straight path if would avoid it. Doan' let any white man make you believe dat we's lost any Gospel by dis revision, or dat Peter or Paul or Moses have undergone and change of sperit regardin de ways ob libin' respectably an' dyin' honorably."

A BOLD robbery was perpetrated Tuesday evening at Nortonville, a town on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, seventeen miles southeast of Atchison. Three masked men entered the store of Messrs. McCarthy & Hagson, in which, at the time, were Mr. McCarty, one of his clerks, two ladies and two little girls. The robbers immediately upon entering drew revolvers and commanded the inmates to keep quiet. One of the thieves then proceeded to the safe, one took up his post at the door, and the third kept guard over the occupants. While the robbers were thus occupied, two clerks who had been to the depot returned, and were at once taken in charge of by the sentinel at the door. The safe contained between $12,000 and $14,000 in cash, and this the robbers carried off. An iron box in the safe contained about $2,000, but the robbers failed to effect an entrance thereto. They worked silently and quickly, and after securing the money, walked backwards out of the store, warning the occupants not to look outside for an hour or they would be shot. Gaining the street, they rode off toward the south.

DESPAIRING of the construction of the Jersey Shore and Pine Creek railroad in this generation, the *Northern Tier Reporter*, published at Port Allegany, advocates the building of a narrow gauge road from that place to Coudersport. Port Allegany is located on the line of the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia railroad, a short distance north of Emporium, on the route to Eldred and Bradford in the great oil field. The *Reporter* claims that by building a narrow gauge road Potter county could secure a cheap outlet, which would open up her resources. The grade is easy, and if possession could be obtained of the road-bed which is now graded two-thirds of the way between Port Allegany and Coudersport, the new road could be completed and put in running order in a very short time. Potter county is about the only county in the State that is entirely shut out from the world by railroad communication, and as she is steadily growing in wealth and importance, the time has come when her thrifty inhabitants should make an effort to emerge from the wilderness, metaphorically speaking, by aiding in the building of a railroad outlet from Coudersport to Port Allegany. As the distance is not very great, the expense of building the road would be insignificant compared with the benefits it would confer upon the people and country.—*Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin.*

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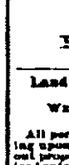

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Notice to Contractors and Builders.

Office of the Board of Trustees of the M. E. Church of Smethport,
MONDAY, MAY 24, 1881.

Sealed proposals for repairing and remodeling the church inside and out; including new rooms underneath, will be received at the parsonage in this village until Monday, May 30, 1881, at noon, at which time and place the bids will be opened. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Plans, specifications and detail drawings may be seen at the Postmaster's office by applying to

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Step into Mason's and examine the RANGES manufactured by Quimby & Perry, Troy, N. Y. They are the finest in the market.

THE McKEAN MINER.

Smethport, Pa., June 2, 1881.

HERE AND HEREABOUTS.

What he saw:
Here lies a man whose crown was won
By his using in an empty gun.
—Steubenville Herald.

No matter in the gun he blew,
Then up the golden stair he flew.
—Richmond Baton.

And met the girl on Heaven's green
Who lit the fire with kerosene.
—Elevated Railroad Journal.

He also saw, astride a stool,
The man who tampered with a mule.
—Rochester Express.

And with delight, beheld the sight;
The Czar in white - via dynamite.
Utica Tribune.

And also met the reckless blokes,
Who brought us an original joke.
—Quincy Modern Argo.

And also met the fellow you know
Who wrote the poem on "Beautiful Snow."
—Erie Graphic.

And chatting on, right by his side,
Was the youth who from green apples died.
—Sunday Morning News.

Turning around, from sudden whim,
He saw the boy who couldn't swim.
—Prattsville Journal.

The man who called the editor a liar
He saw below him, in the fire.
—Harrisburg Telegraph

And tortured below in the usual way
Was the man who failed the printer to pay.

—Wall paper at Specht & Sause's. 19-tf.

—License court will be held June 13th.

—Tin-lined Butter packages at Mason's.

—Fine assortment of bird cages at Mason's.

—Mark Hardie, of Alton, was in town yesterday.

—Next week will be devoted to the trial of civil cases.

—Every variety and style of wall paper at Specht & Sause's. 19-tf.

—Let us have a grand old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration.

—A new sidewalk has been put down in front of the Episcopal church.

—Tinware cheaper than nobel yse before at Mason's and don'd you forgot.

—A new and nobby stock of Summer hats has just been received at the store of Haskill & Son.

—Haskill has been fixing up his store in order to show off the new arrival of goods to better advantage.

—The only original New Orleans minstrels will be at the Opera House on Monday evening next.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Redfield, of Washington, D. C., are visiting friends and relatives in this place.

—Miss E. Carson has the finest and cheapest line of millinery goods to be found in McKean county.

—D. R. Hamlin is reported a trifle better to-day, and we hope his recovery may be speedy and permanent.

—If you are in need of wall paper do not forget that Specht & Sause have just received an immense stock. 19-tf

—The New Orleans Minstrels have been traveling for thirteen years and earned a splendid reputation.

—For anything in the line of dry goods, dress goods, etc., go to Haskill & Son's, and secure your bargains.

—The Bradford *Sunday News'* Smethport correspondent was rather severe on some of the "boys" last Sunday.

—Rev. H. Peck, of West Almond, made us a brief visit on Monday. The Elder looks as young and happy as ever.

—The new oval crank churn at Sprague's can't be beat. It does a large churning with half the labor of any other.

—Episcopal church services on Sunday next at Farmers Valley, at 2 p. m. Lesson: The Personality and Divinity of the Holy Spirit.

—It is announced in London that Sara Bernhardt on Saturday will marry M. Angelo, who has been traveling with her in America.

—This vicinity was visited by delightful showers on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and as a consequence vegetation is booming.

—It took Hiram half a day to clean the windows. But then, Hugh is an ambitious clerk and believes in having things done right if it takes all summer.

—Farmers seem to be adopting the new oval crank crank churn, as it does its work so much easier and better than any ever before made. To be found at Sprague's.

—We are pained to learn of the illness of H. V. Redfield, correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, who has been stopping in Smethport for a few days past. He had a severe hemorrhage of the lungs Tuesday night and is very weak.

—We understand that J. G. Eaton has rented his store on Mechanic street to a party who intends to start a bakery. The store room is being repainted and presents a fine appearance. Smethport can stand two bakeries if it can six hotels.

—It requires a person of a great deal of taste and experience to select a stock of goods that will suit everybody. Haskill & Son have just put in such a stock and everybody seems to be taking advantage of the bargains.

—Our mail facilities are now all complete. We are now getting two mails from Bradford instead of one—one at 9 a. m., and one at 7 p. m. The mail leaves Smethport for Bradford at 9:15 a. m., and 4:30 p. m. From the McKean road we get mails from the north at 12 m., and 6 p. m., and from the south at 2:15 p. m.

—Do not fail to attend the New Orleans minstrels at the Opera House on Monday evening, June 6th.

—The interior of the Court House is being painted and finished off. J. K. Odell has the painting of it.

—Latest styles ladies' linen suitings, dusters, etc., just received and very cheap at Mrs. Nash's, Main street.

—The best is the cheapest. That's what everybody says who buy their millinery goods of Miss E. Carson.

—Hon. L. Rogers, Dep'y Sec'y of Internal Affairs, arrived in Smethport from Harrisburg Tuesday evening, and made his friends a short visit.

—You can pay thirty dollars for a Summer suit, yet you are very foolish to do so, when one equally as good can be bought of Haskill & Son for half that.

—You look horrid in that last winter's hat. Why don't you go to Haskill & Son's and get a new summer hat that will be durable? They are very cheap.

—A new patent cultivator can be found at Sprague's, which for convenience and the easy way of working it makes it superior to any other in market.

—The Bradford base-ball club played the Detroits on Saturday and were beaten to the tune of 21 to 7—the Detroits only playing eight innings at that.

—George Corwin conducts the store of Harry Wilson during the latter's absence. George jumps the counters as nimbly as a deer and is always on hand to wait upon his customers.

—The troupe referred to above will visit Smethport June 6th and we hope to see the Opera House filled. The New Orleans minstrels are undoubtedly the finest troupe traveling.

—County Treasurer Brennan has purchased the old Williams farm, paying $6,500 for it. It is a most desirable property, and now we hope to see Mr. Brennan move his family to Smethport.

—Engineer S. V. Godden is busily engaged surveying the route for the water pipe through town. The ditch is approaching completion, and will be finished as soon as the pipe can be procured.

—Among the many industries in Smethport worthy of note is the Birch Beer manufactory of Canfield & Hoag. This is the third season this enterprising firm has supplied the wants of people of this section with that delicious and healthy beverage. They are located near the depot, and are doing a lively trade.

—The New Orleans minstrels gave a splendid entertainment last evening at the Opera House to an appreciative audience. The troupe is a good one, and deserve the patronage of the best class of any community where they may hold forth.—*Dubuque Times.*

The New Orleans minstrels will be at the Kittredge Opera House next Monday evening, the 6th of June.

—Rev. W. H. Wagoner expects to be able to preach next Sabbath morning and evening in the M. E. church. His subject for the evening will be the same as announced for last Sunday:—"Conversion, Nature and Necessity—from what to what?" He is preparing a discourse on the Revision of the New Testament which he will deliver in the near future.

—Bob Burdette says: "A correspondent writes that he would like to be an editor. You would, eh? Well you become an editor and write, 'I kissed her under the silent stars,' and the contractor sets it up, 'I kicked her under the cellar stairs,' you will just ache to grow bow-legged following a pair of oxen along a crooked furrow across a forty-acre lot."

—Crowds of people are daily visiting Mrs. Nash's store on Main street, which fact is sufficient evidence that both her goods and work are appreciated by the ladies of Smethport and vicinity. Mrs. Nash is absent this week—in the city—making purchases with which to replenish her already large and carefully selected stock of dry goods, millinery, etc., which will be disposed of at the lowest possible figure.

—Messrs. Barrett and Mealbery, who it will be remembered started for Dakota some weeks ago, and have been detained on their journey, have at last reached their destination and are engaged in putting in their spring crops. Mrs. Will Mealbery, accompanied by her son "Don," started Monday last to join her husband. The good wishes of their many friends go with them to their far western home.—*Reporter.*

—Decoration day at Bradford was all the most sanguine expected. The attendance was large and the exercises complete in every way. Of one who had much to do in making the occasion so complete, the *Star* says: To Joseph Post, who organized the mounted cavalcade which took so conspicuous a part on Decoration day, and who brought to this city from Allegany county, N. Y., Captain Lewis J. Wheeler, a veteran of the war of 1812, great praise is due. Mr. Post is especially unostentatious, but any project he takes hold of is bound to be pushed to a successful outcome.

—An exchange says: "We know of no meaner man than one who will take a newspaper for three, six or nine months, and then, without paying a cent for it, insist on stopping the paper, and when furnished with his bill not paying the smallest attention to it. Such a man is mean enough to rob the poor box at a church if he got the chance. Does such an one not know that publishers have to pay for paper, ink and labor, and can no more furnish their publications for nothing than the grocer or dry goods men can afford to sell their merchandise for nothing? No man is obliged to subscribe for a newspaper, but when a man takes it regularly for several months he ought in common honesty to pay for it."

—A fine, large audience greeted the appearance of the New Orleans Minstrels at City Hall last night, and the universal expression was the best in that line ever seen in this city. The clog dancing, the chorus singing, the quartette, the solos, both vocal and instrumental, were immense, the comicalities were fresh and good, while the E-flat solo playing by Mr. Benjamin was simply marvelous, he reaching G on the fourth added line above the staff, with a tone like that of a piccolo flute, and execution corresponding. Mrs. Nellie Gorton rendered, as a baritone solo "Swanee River," with artistic variations, responding to an enthusiastic encore with "Genevieve," also with variations. Mr. G. W. Franconum's clarionet solo was a brilliant rendition.—*Daily Telegraph.*

—The press speak in the highest terms of the New Orleans minstrels. They are undoubtedly a first-class troupe and should draw a full house. Their musical instruments are said to be the finest in the world and they make superb music. Go to see them at the Opera House next Monday evening and have a good laugh.

—The temperance meeting that was announced in the MINER of last week to take place in the M. E. church in this place during the present week, has been indefinitely postponed, owing to the failure of O'Connell, the lecturer, to put in an appearance. Mr. Wagoner was informed that he would be here and expected him until he received a telegram to the contrary.

—The Shingle House well is pronounced a good one, about fifty barrels were bailed out last Thursday. Friday the workmen let the bailer down and found that more oil had run in during the night than had been taken out the previous day, consequently they have gone to the head quarters for further orders. It is thought that it will be shot as soon as a satisfactory record can be obtained.—*Shingle House Palladium.*

Sale of Furniture.

On Saturday, June 11th, Mrs. A. E. Taylor will offer at public sale a portion of her household furniture. Those in need of articles of this kind will do well to be present and buy furniture of every description at a bargain. Sale will take place at the house.

Fourth of July.

All those interested in getting up a celebration on the Fourth of July are requested to meet in the dining room of Reilly's hotel on Saturday evening to perfect arrangements for the coming event. Smethport got up a creditable celebration last year and ought to do it again this year.

Prohibition Ticket.

Following is the regular Prohibition County ticket which was put in nomination by a county convention on Friday last at Bradford:

For Sheriff—I. H. Hilliard, Bradford.

For Prothonotary—John Duke, Duke Centre.

For District Attorney—Ezra Crossman, Bradford.

For County Commissioners—Mr. T. Chadwick, Smethport; R. H. Carr, Duke Centre; C. B. Seymour, Kendall.

Parker's Dray.

One of the convenient institutions of Smethport is Jack Parker's dray, which perambulates back and forth through town as regular as a street car. Jack has just had a splendid one gotten up for his use and he justly feels proud of the "rig," for it is both neat and substantial. Parker has been in the business for years, and by his daily accommodations has worked up a thriving trade. Jack is just the man for the business and those in need of his services will find his prices reasonable.

A Neat Store

We dropped into the new store recently built by Fred. Olds, in Farmers Valley, the other day, and was surprised to find Fred. so comfortably quartered. The room itself is one of the best to be found anywhere, and is well filled with every salable article in the line of boots and shoes, dry goods and groceries. Fred is having a large trade and is happy in the fact of having no competition. Yet he sells goods as cheap as any of his neighbors up this way. Drop in and see him and examine his stock and prices. He will make it an object for you to buy.

From Alton.

ALTON, PA., June 1st, 1881.

To the Editor of the Miner.

Please inform the readers of your weekly visitor that Chief Engineer Charles Pugsley has opened a wagon road from Howard Hill in Hamlin Township, to Alton station on the N. Y. L. E. & W. R. R. in Lafayette Township, McKean Co. Pa., and at the present time the engineers are stationed at Wilcox and Howard Hill making their connecting contours for the extension of the above rail road. The opening of this road will be of great advantage to all.

The Next County Fair.

The annual fair of the McKean County Agricultural Society will be held at Port Allegany, September 6th, 7th and 8th. The society has been admitted to membership in the National Trotting Association, which will have a tendency to make the races more varied and interesting. The directors at their last meeting made some important changes in their rules which they think will insure, to the benefit of and be appreciated by farmers, and which will be put in force at the annual fair. Not the least of these changes is that of dividing cattle—Durhams, Jerseys, etc., into separate classes. By this division the native or common stock will not be brought into competition with the blooded or finer breeds, and the award of premiums cannot help proving more satisfactory to all concerned.

War Department.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Washington, May 16, 1881. }

There being now pending in this department great numbers of volunteer pension claims which cannot be satisfactorily verified for want of information which missing records of discontinued volunteer commands would afford, and it having transpired in many instances that officers of the late volunteer forces have still in their possession or under their control books and other records pertaining to their corps, divisions, brigades, regiments, and companies, their attention is called to the fact that all such books and records should be deposited with this office, and they are earnestly requested to cause the same to be forwarded without delay to the Adjutant General of the Army, at Washington, District of Columbia.

No expense, other than postage or proper express charges (when packages exceed four pounds, the limit for mail parcels), can be paid by the Government.

In the interest of the great number of widows, orphans, and disabled soldiers whose claims are involved, the newspapers of the country are requested to give the substance of this circular the greatest publicity.

By order of the Secretary of War.

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant General.

A. H. NICHOLSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

A Tramp Shot.

A dispatch to the *Era* from Olean dated June 1, says: This usually quiet village was thrown into a state of very great excitement this afternoon by the lawless conduct of a lody of tramps. An isolated section of the village, known as the Sixth ward, for some time past has been infested by a daring gang of vagabonds. That part of the village is without police protection. The tramps have made the round house of the B., N. Y. & P. R. R. and the tannery barns their headquarters. Within a few days the gang has received a number of accessions, many of the new comers being of the boldest and most lawless types. Tuesday night the vagabonds broke into a hotel near their rendezvous and stole a sum of money and a quantity of liquor and cigars. About 3 o'clock this afternoon train 20, Erie road, under charge of Conductor Hollis, was at the depot transferring freight. A band of the tramps, well armed, rushed up and took possession of a box-car. Conductor Hollis ordered them to vacate the car, but this they refused to do. Larry Connell and another gentleman went to the assistance of the train men. The tramps immediately opened fire upon them and compelled them to seek refuge in the caboose. Following up the assault the tramps sent a volley of shots into the caboose. The trainmen were unarmed and consequently unable to cope with the murderous vagabonds. Appreciating the gravity of the situation the engineer disconnected his locomotive and ran into the village for aid from the authorities. Officers King and Wiley accompanied the engineer back and Superintendent Irish, of the Acme refinery, ordered out the men employed in that institution to aid in capturing the tramps. Realizing their danger the tramps fled following the railroad track. The locomotive, having on it the officers and a number of citizens, was sent spinning after the tramps and five of them were captured between the crossing and pump station. A number of shots were exchanged by the officers and the fleeing vagabonds. Each of the five arrested had a revolver in his possession.

One daring scoundrel was shot in the back the ball passing through the upper lobe of the right lung. The ball lodged against the breast bone and was subsequently extracted by Dr. Eddy. The five others are now in the lockup. The leader of the gang, a brutal, bold villain, walked up Oak street pointing a revolver at open windows and threatening to murder any person who attempted to molest him. Officer Wiley made a charge on the scoundrel and ran him into an ice house where he was compelled to surrender. A short time previous to their attempt to take possession of the box car the tramps fired a shot at station agent Ropp. The tramp shot is of medium height, an Irishman and his face is pox marked. Since the warm weather there have been about forty tramps lurking about the places mentioned above. They intimidate citizens, commit all sorts of petty larceny and indulge in frequent drunken brawls and rows. They have succeeded in thoroughly terrorizing the immediate neighborhood. Their high-handed proceedings to day has thoroughly aroused the indignation of citizens and an effort will be made to drive them out and break up the rendezvous.

Pentecost.

Next Sunday will be the day of Pentecost, fiftieth day (as the word means) from the Passover Sabbath, or our Easter Day. It is most generally styled Whitsun-Day, in the Christian age of the church, a name supposed to be derived from the German name Pfingsten. It is a memorial day in Israel commemorating the delivery of the Law on Mount Sinai; and, also, a day of thanksgiving for the completed harvest; but with the new Israel, the followers of Christ, it is a memorial of the descent of the Holy Ghost, who writes the law of God in our hearts; and a day that commemorates the beginning of Christ's great harvest of souls in His church, when three thousand were baptised, on the day of Pentecost, and which harvest, in all the years of our Lord, the Holy Ghost has been ripening and gathering in. The prayer book was first used on Whitsun Day, (June 9th) 1549, in the English tongue, instead of the Latin.

Grand Opening Ball.

On Tuesday evening a meeting of our society-going people was held at Reilly's Grand Central Hotel to make the preliminary arrangements for giving a grand reception and ball, on the occasion of the opening of the above named hotel, which will occur on Thursday evening, June 23d.

A committee of five, consisting of J. W. Reilly, J. V. McIntyre, J. B. Brawley, W. H. Bobenck and M. A. Sprague, was appointed to make the general arrangements, secure music, appoint sub-committees, etc. The party will be first-class in every respect. The committee is now corresponding with parties in both Titusville and Buffalo, and a full orchestra, consisting of eight or nine pieces, from one of the cities will be engaged to furnish the music for the gay and festive occasion.

Ere we go to press next week, the final arrangements will have been made, and we will then give our readers full and extended particulars in regard to this, Smethport's coming social event.

Bogus Butter.

Among the acts passed finally in the House last week was one preventing the sale of an article in semblance of butter in packages unless distinctly and durably marked with the words "imitation butter." The following clause was also in the bill:

Every proprietor or manager of a hotel, boarding house or restaurant who shall serve, place or cause to be served or placed in parcels on the table or counter for their boarders or customers any such article or substance as herein stated shall post, in at least four conspicuous places in the dining or lunch room of said hotel, boarding house or restaurant, a printed label bearing the plainly printed words, "*Imitation butter or cheese served here*," only in Roman letters, not less than one inch in length, which shall be printed in not less than two continuous straight lines.

Wanted.

A girl to do general house-work. Good wages and steady employment. Inquire at this office.

Bishop Seymour's Visit.

On Saturday, the Bishop of Springfield, Ill., Rt. Rev. Dr. George F. Seymour, reached our town about noon, from Port Allegany, and officiated on Sunday in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. J. Heber McCandless.

The Bishop is, apparently, yet under fifty years of age, of medium size, very quick and alert, and full of a contagious energy and animation. Rarely does any preacher throw so much thought and soul into a discourse; and whoever heard him on last Sunday, cannot soon forget the convincing and impassioned words to show the depth and height of Christ's work and love for all men, and the necessity for all to be included in it, by a surrender of self to Him. The Bishop is a master of clearest thought and of forcible expression, at the instant he is on his feet, and never uses notes in his preaching, on account of a somewhat serious defect in his eyesight.

At Bradford, on Decoration Day, the Bishop, without any previous preparation, but spurred by the great audience, delivered a rousing speech that was frequently interrupted by the cheers of the large crowd.

We trust that one who has become so popular in this region, during his travels in the past month for Bishop Kerfoot, may visit us again, and remain with us some days. Possibly Bishop Seymour may come this way from New York about June 10th, on his way to Pittsburgh to officiate in some of the churches there.

The head of the family thinks that he smells trouble when the partner of his bosom begins to talk, about the splendid dress goods at King & Gifford's, and so cheap.

The head of the family is realizing that he made a mistake when he objects to his wife purchasing a good dress cheap at King & Gifford's.

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—One of the best minstrel performances ever given in this city was that of the New Orleans troupe, in City Hall, last night. Should they again visit our city, the hall would be taxed to its utmost to accommodate the audience.—*Madison Sentinel.*

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Colegrove, Pa., May 12, 1881. 4-1.

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Court Proclamation.

The Hon. HENRY W. WILLIAMS, President Judge, and the Hons. W. S. BROWNELL, and F. N. BURNHAM, Associate Judges of the Courts of Over and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court, and Court of Common Pleas for the county of McKean, have issued their precept, bearing date Friday, April 15, 1881, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas, at the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 6th day of June, 1881, and to continue one week.

Dated at Smethport, April 25, 1881, and the 105th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

E. HARTWELL, Sheriff.

Register's Notice.

ADMINISTRATOR'S, EXECUTOR'S AND Guardian Accounts having been filed, passed and allowed in Office of the Register of said, will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans Court of said County, to be held at Smethport, Pa., on the Fourth Monday of May, A. D. 1881, viz:

First and partial account of O. W. Foster, one of the Executors of the Last Will and Testament of David R. Foster, late of Bradford township, McKean County, Pa., deceased.

First and Final Account of Lizzie Canfield, Administratrix, and F. Marion Maher, Administrator of the Estate of Samuel A. Canfield, late of Eldred township, McKean County, Pa., deceased.

First and Final Account of Benjamin Bowker, Guardian of Emma M. Mills, minor child of William J. Mills, late of Otto township, McKean County, Pa., deceased.

Final account of Nelson Peabody and Franklin Smith, Executors of Estate of Henry Smith, late of Corea township, deceased. 20-4t

Financial Statement.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CEREA Township, April 23d, 1881.:

ASSETS.

Am't due from late Supervisor Crow Special road	$ 25 00
Am't due from late Supervisor Biggins Special road	64 00
Uncollected tax for 1880, about	80 75
Returned to Co. Com'rs from expired	16 23
Liabilities over assets	210 51
	$ 406 49

LIABILITIES.

Judg't favor of W. L. Hyde, estimated	$ 65 39
Am't due Weston Bros. Apr. 23, 1880	50 77
Order given D. Mores	12 00
Order given John Fruges	25 77
Order given O. T. Cooper	50 00
Order given Geo. Wilcox	91 00
Order given D. McKay	91 00
Order given Geo. Wilcox	20 00
Order given Geo. Barbanks	17 00
Order given to J. P. Clyma	14 00
Order given C. Bell	3 00
Order given O. P. Coon	4 21
Debt to J. S. Hickok, about (not settled)	20 00
	$463 05

The above is a statement of Assets and Liabilities of Corea township this date, so far as has come to our knowledge.

JNO. J. ROBARTS, } Auditors.
P. E. LULL, }

Corea, Pa., April 23, 1881. 23-3t.

Trial List.

COMMENCING FIRST MONDAY JUNE, 1881.

1. H P Cooper, M L Cooper and O B Coopers partners as P H Cooper & Sons vs Eugene M Singer. No. 301, December term, 1880. Capias in Trespass.

2. Lewis Emery Jr vs John DeStolia and Francis DeStolia. No. 34, December term, 1876. Ejectment for land in Bradford township.

3. C M Farrar and John Treft as Farrar & Treft vs G W Hicks. No. 313, December term 1877. Replevin.

4. C M Farrar and John Treft as Farrar & Treft vs G W Hicks. No. 314, December term, 1877. Attachment.

5. B W Mann vs R W Ryan and E W Coddington. No. 161, February term, 1878. Ejectment for land in Bradford township.

6. A T Newell vs H H Baker. No. 288, February term, 1878. Ejectment for land in Bradford borough.

7. M S McIntosh, James Mumphill, W P Hart and W Wade Jr partners as McIntosh Mumphill & Co vs M C Clark. No 348 June term 1878. Assumpsit.

8. Solomon Barrett vs Lewis Phillips, A H Barnhart and Susan T Daggett, trading as Phillips & Barnhart. No 390 June term 1878. Assumpsit.

9. D C McKenzie and J C Pressent as the McElfire Torpedo Company vs Joseph Morgan. No 344 June term 1878. Case.

10. Charles Pugh vs C I Hayes and H P Griffeth. No 377 June term 1878. Ejectment for lots in Bradford borough.

11. Thomas A McKean vs W S Hanna and H H Burgess partners as Hanna & Burgess. No 389 September term 1878. Assumpsit.

12. The Producers Consolidated Land and Petroleum Company vs W H Chandler, I B Foster and Wm Fogle trading as Chandler, Foster & Co. No 398 September term 1878. Assumpsit.

13. M P Mansell vs Wallace Stone. No 5 December term 1878. Replevin.

14. Wm Mehlhagle vs The Bradford Oil Company. No 402 December term 1878. Ejectment for land in Otto township.

15. J L Carnachan & Co for use of Samuel K Hill vs E W Ingraham. No 349 December term 1878. Assumpsit.

16. David Sterret, W W Brown and E H Rose partners as Sterret, Brown & Rose vs F L Webster. No 343 December 1878. Assumpsit.

17. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs P Ackley. No 341 December term 1880. Debt.

18. C J Lane and James Brown as C J Lane & Co vs J S Argyle. No 386 February term 1879. Ejectment for land in Bradford borough.

19. K A L Roberts vs Oscar Wood. No 444 February term 1879. Debt.

20. John Dale vs H M McBride with notice to Alexander Cummings, H G Stoughton, Charles M John and R F Spratt terre tenants. No 45 June term 1879. Ejectment for land in Otto township.

21. Chester K Bartlett vs Chester S Hing. No 219 June term 1879. Assumpsit.

22. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the suggestion of C K Bartwell vs C S King, Enoch B Dolley and Hermon B King. No 289 June term 1879. Official Bond.

23. J T Johnston vs Marcus Huling. No 376 June term 1879. Assumpsit.

24. Winfield S Rayland vs T S Sumner, F M Jewett, C M Filkins, Smethport, Philip Rork, Andrew Shuttlesantle, George Dimmick and John Tinerous. No 388 June term 1879. Ejectment for land in Keating township.

25. Mary Ann Quay and J T Johnston doing business as Chamberlain & Jones vs John Beasley. No 363 June term 1879. Assumpsit.

26. W S Kenyon vs Marcus Wall. No 399 September term 1879. Debt.

27. The M Brunswick and Balke Co use of James B Morrow vs N B Gillman and M M Washburn. No. 386 September term 1879. Trespass vi et armis.

28. Enoch Briggs and Mary A Briggs in right of said Mary A Briggs vs D C Young and Gardner Young. No. 387 September term 1879. Replevin.

29. W W Patrick vs A B Mills. No. 379 September term 1879. Ejectment for land in Otto township.

30. Thomas McAdams vs Rosa Walker owner and her husband George Walker agent and contractor for the said Rosa Walker. No 396 September term 1879. Bel Fo Bar Mechanics Lien.

List of Jurors.

Drawn for Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, to be Summoned for First Monday of June, 1881.

Aiken, James, Bradford city.
Aikin, W, Lindbeck township.
Ash, H D, Eldred township.
Aldrich, F. L., Lafayette township.
Baker, Walter, Annin township.
Chadwick, T. C., Smethport borough.
Cropper, Jackson, Eldred township.
Coldgrove, Jonathan, Norwich township.
Cronin, Jerry, Foster township.
Crossmire, D. V., Wetmore township.
Carpenter, Isaac, Foster township.
Dennison, J. C., Norwich township.
Baring, C. H., Bradford township.
Dunbar, William, Liberty township.
Eastwood, E. H., Norwich township.
Eastman, Abram, Corea township.
Freeman, W. H., Bradford township.
Easter, Isaac, Lafayette township.
Fox, James, Duke Centre borough.
Priest, John W., Corea township.
Gallup, D. O., Norwich township.
Hawkins, Noel, Bradford township.
Harkins, James, Annin township.
Kimball, J. R., Norwich township.
Hunt, R. J., Liberty township.
Mellibney, M., Otto township.
Phelps, Manuel, Sr., Corea township.
Parmelee, T. V., Smethport borough.
Richie, W. R., Norwich township.
Robinson, C. H., Corea township.
Merrill, J. H., Liberty township.
Stansbury, Burge, Duke Centre borough.
Tyne, Jacob, Lafayette township.
Winship, George, Annin township.

E. HARTWELL, Sheriff.
O. P. COON, } Jury
H. C. GALLUP, } Com'rs.

ATTEST:
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There is one thing which a mother always has to suffer if her whom she finds her world-life's mistake. Nothing can take away the blessed thought that her child from the book of her home and blotted her first love in the sin and love and trust of her sweetness to [illegible] was to obliterate them in that little tender heart. With hope, and often health gone, it is hard to use the self-control necessary to keep from reaching their young days, but the reward amply repays the effort. There are [illegible] many motives for this path of the whole thing. In fact, it contains every possibility of life and happiness, and it is only because men and women forget to think to find what they would do [illegible] of what they ought that the trouble comes on. Young people marry with the idea that their path lies stretched before them in an unbroken line of sunshine. They [illegible] the inevitable [illegible] knocks [illegible] [illegible] that the [illegible] knows the same [illegible] that [illegible] of their love has faults [illegible] [illegible] every day living [illegible] [illegible] something disturbing and disagreeable. And when it becomes evident to either that the world [illegible] [illegible] selfish disappointment should [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]